

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
NOAA/NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
PERMIT OFFICE  
ONE BLACKBURN DRIVE  
GLOUCESTER, MA 01930-2298

FEDERAL BLUEFISH VESSEL PERMIT  
2000 INITIAL APPLICATION

Tel: (978) 281-9370



\*\*\* Please see back for Federal Bluefish Vessel Permit Application Instructions\*\*\*

Section 1 - VESSEL/OWNER INFORMATION		CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS
Vessel Name: Owner Name: Address:  CG Documentation Number or State Registration Number:  Northeast Region Federal Fishing Vessel Permit Number:  Owner Telephone: Home Port: Principal Port:		          
Section 2 - VESSEL INFORMATION - complete if you do <b>NOT</b> have a Northeast Region Federal Fishing Vessel Permit		
Vessel Length: _____ Year Built: _____ Dredge Size: _____ Construction: _____ Crew Size: _____ Main Engine HP: _____ No. of Dredges: _____ Propulsion: _____ Gross Tonnage: _____ Fish Hold Capacity: _____ Pump Horsepower: _____ No. Passengers for Charter or Party: _____		
Section 3 - FISHERY INFORMATION		
Fishery:	Category: must select at least one 1 = commercial 2 = charter/party (see instructions on back)	Gear Code: (may select more than one)
<b>2000 Initial Bluefish Permit</b>	_____	_____
Section 4 - OWNER'S SIGNATURE		
I, the undersigned, am the owner or legally authorized agent of the owner of the vessel named in Section 1 above. I affirm, subject to the penalties provided in 18 USC 1001, that all information that I have given in obtaining this permit is true and correct.		
Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____		

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR NORTHEAST FEDERAL FISHERIES  
YEAR 2000 INITIAL BLUEFISH PERMIT APPLICATION**

This is your year 2000 Initial Vessel Permit Application for the **bluefish** fishery. To complete this application, you must:

- A. Complete all sections, as needed, AND
- B. If you have not already obtained your year 2000 Northeast Region Federal fishing permit you must also submit:
- A copy of the vessels current Coast Guard documentation or current state registration
  - If the vessel is owned by a corporation or partnership, then
    - a. A copy of the certification of incorporation or equivalent documents showing current corporate status & the names and addresses of the corporate officers and stockholders
    - b. A copy of the partnership agreement and names and addresses of all partners
  - If you are applying for a charter/party permit **for the first time**, you must submit a copy of the vessel's **current** charter/party license. A copy of one of the following documents is acceptable:
    - ▶ Current state license showing the vessel is authorized to carry charter/party passengers
    - ▶ Current Coast Guard Documentation that shows the vessel is presently documented for "Coastwise"
    - ▶ Current US Coast Guard license to operate or navigate passenger carrying vessels
- C. Submit all vessel **trip reports that are due** (call the Data Center at 978-281-9246 for further information on trip reports).  
**Send the completed application to:**

National Marine Fisheries Service  
Attention: Permit Office  
One Blackburn Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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*SECTION 1: VESSEL/OWNER INFORMATION*

Enter the information as requested. For our purposes, Home Port and Principal Port are defined as:

HOME PORT	City and State where the vessel is moored
PRINCIPLE PORT	City and State where the majority of your landings occur

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*SECTION 2: VESSEL INFORMATION*

This section must be completed if your vessel does NOT possess a Northeast Region Federal Fishing permit. These permits are: Multispecies, Scallop, Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, Lobster, Summer Flounder, Scup, Squid (*Loligo* or *Illex*), Atlantic Mackerel, Butterfish, Black Sea Bass, Spiny Dogfish and Monkfish. Complete Section 2 if your vessel does not possess any of these Northeast Region Federal Fishing permits.

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*SECTION 3: FISHERY INFORMATION*

Select the Year 2000 Initial Bluefish Permit line. You must select a category and gear, or the application will be returned to you.

**CATEGORY:** Select at least one of two categories. Both are Open Access categories and landings information in not required.

Category 1 - Commercial Vessel - to fish commercially for bluefish

Category 2 - Charter/Party - to fish for or retain bluefish while carrying passengers for hire

**GEAR CODE:** Select at least one gear code from the Gear Code table below and write the gear code number(s) in the column marked "Gear".

**GEAR CODES:**

120 Purse Seine	310 Bottom Trawls	410 Dredge	911 Handlines	1010 Harpoons
210 Beach Seine	320 Mid-water Trawls	700 Gill/Entangling Nets	912 Rod and Reel	1200 Other Gear
220 Boat Seine	330 Other Trawls	800 Pots and Traps	920 Longlines/Setlines	1400 Diving Gear

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*SECTION 4: OWNER'S SIGNATURE AND INSTRUCTIONS*

**Please sign the form. Unsigned applications will be returned.** Your signature is an affirmation under penalty of perjury that all of the information provided in obtaining this permit is true and correct.

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Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining data needed, and completing & reviewing the information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or suggestions for reducing this burden to: National Marine Fisheries Service, Permit Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298. The Paperwork Reduction Act requires that potential respondents for a fishing vessel permit be notified of certain information regarding their rights and the burden associated with applying for Federal fisheries permits. One of the regulatory steps taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service to carry out its conservation and management objectives is the requirement of a permit for users of the resources. The fishery included on this application requires a permit to fish for or retain this species in or from the EEZ, Section 303 (b)(1) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) specifically recognizes the need for permit issuance. The purpose and use of these permits are to: (1) register industry participants and fishing vessels, (2) list the characteristics of fishing vessels, (3) exercise influence over compliance, (4) provide a mailing list for the dissemination of important information to the industry, (5) register participants to be considered for limited entry, and (6) provide a universe for data collection samples. Both the MSFCMA and Executive Orders 12866 et al. require the determination of this information. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. The information required to complete this Initial Spiny Dogfish Permit Application form is not confidential, and may be disclosed to any person upon request.